

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Root River Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil, Water, Air, Plant, Animal and Human Resources (Riparian area restoration, Flood mitigation)

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

None – Houston County

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

1. Soil Erosion and Water Quality - Applications addressing gully erosion control.
2. Soil Erosion and Water Quality - Applications addressing sheet and rill erosion control by establishing the following conservation practices...terraces, fall cover crops and contour grass buffer strips.
3. Forest Management - Applications involving invasive species control.
4. Soil Erosion and Water Quality - Applications that involve converting highly erodible cropland landuse to an alternate appropriate landuse.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. Does this application address gully erosion control? YES = 15 pts.
2. Does this application involve the establishment of terraces, fall cover crops or contour grass buffer strips? YES = 15 pts
3. Does this application involve the control of invasive species? YES = 15 pts.
4. Does this application convert highly erodible cropland landuse to an alternate appropriate landuse? YES = 15 pts.

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must be between 35 and 60 points.

Completed above...total points = 60.

6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

Transmitted via e-mail to ASTC(FO) Area Office 7 on 9/27/07.

7. List any recommended practices to be added/deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

Recommendation: Revise docket to include Pest Management component for "orchards" throughout Minnesota.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

 9/27/07
Chair, Local Work Group Date